

Post. This letter, addressed to Skibine, outlined the Council's concerns related to the casino and claimed detriment to the community. The letter stated:

As members of the Common Council of the City of Hudson, we are opposed to the proposed transfer of the St. Croix Meadows racetrack in the City of Hudson to U.S. trust status for the purpose of casino gambling. We believe that a casino would be detrimental to the City of Hudson and the surrounding area. Listed below are some of the reasons for our opposition.

1. City of Hudson research shows that attendance at other area casinos is two or three times higher than the casino applicants estimate. This difference between their attendance estimate and the City's would substantially:

- Increase the City's law enforcement expenses due to exponential growth in crime and traffic congestion.
- Tax the City's waste water treatment facility up to its remaining operating capacity.
- Generate problems with solid waste now that the County's incineration facility is permanently closed.

2. A casino would inhibit and adversely affect Hudson's future residential, industrial and commercial development plans by requiring tax payers [sic] to fund necessary infra-structure improvements before new development can occur.

3. A casino would cause serious difficulties for current Hudson businesses to find and retain employees, especially because our unemployment rate of 3% is one of the lowest in the state.

The City can provide additional supportive documentation.

Many of our business owners and residents also feel a casino would be detrimental to our community. Therefore, we request that you deny the proposal for a federal land trust and casino in the City of Hudson. (Emphasis in original.)¹⁷⁵

¹⁷⁵Letter from Peter Post, Jack Breault, Ron Troyer, Richard Pearson, Cathy Morris and Judy Kelly to George Skibine, April 25, 1995.